Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	107 North Main Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-328-007				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)		Lat: 42.739050		Long: -83.419980	
Ownership	Private ☒	Public-Local ☐	Public-State ☐	Public-Federal ☐	Multiple ☐

Property Type

Building ☒ select sub-type below Commercial ☐ Residential ☒ Industrial ☐ Other ☐	Structure ☐ Object ☐

(Insert primary photograph below.)



Architectural Information

Construction Date	c 1884	
Architectural Style	Gothic Revival	
Building Form	Irregular	
Roof Form	Cross Gable	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Clapboard	
Foundation Materials	Field Stone	
Window Materials	Wood	
Window Type	Double Hung	
Outbuildings	Yes ☒	No ☐
Number/Type:	2/Garage and Shed	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A ☐	Criterion B ☐	Criterion C ☐	Criterion D ☐
Criteria Considerations:	a. ☐ b. ☐ c. ☐ d. ☐ e. ☐ f. ☐ g. ☐			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district ☒	Non-contributing to a district ☐	Historic District	Clarkston Historic District
Not Eligible ☐				

Area(s) of Significance	Domestic Architecture					
Period(s) of Significance	1832-1970					
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?						
Location ☒	Design ☒	Materials ☒	Workmanship ☒	Setting ☒	Feeling ☐	Association ☐
General Integrity:	Intact ☒	Altered ☐	Moved ☐	Date(s):		
Historic Name	None					
Current/Common Name	Misiak, Matthew					
Historic/Original Owner	Reid, Robert					
Historic Building Use	Single Family					
Current Building Use	Single Family					
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown					
Builder/Contractor	Unknown					

Survey Date	February 1, 2021	Recorded By	Nancy Moon	Agency Report #	

For SHPO Use Only	SHPO Concurrence?: Y / N	Date:

Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.



(southeast elevation)

This Gothic Revival house sits on the west side of Main Street with a steep pitched front gable decorated with lattice vergeboards with cross bracing. The second level (east elevation) has a pair of tall narrow double hung windows (one-over-one) with a decorated scalloped shaped hood mold. On the first floor the doorway sits in the middle with a single one-over-one double hung window on each side of the porch. The wood door has an oval glass pane. There is a small front porch approached by two steps, that just encloses the entryway. The front porch has a flat roof with four turned spindle columns attached to a wide decorative entablature and curved brackets. Within the entablature are six open squares. Each of the windows has a decorative hood mold.



(east elevation)

In the middle of the north elevation of the two-story original portion of the house there is a cross gable with roof and windows on the second level similar to the east elevation. However, directly below the paired windows is a box bay with three one-over-one double hung windows on the north side and a similar single window facing east and west. The box bay has a decorative wood entablature with wood panel insets on both the top and bottom. This cross gable has a one over one double hung window on the east and west facing sides similar to those of the first-floor east elevation.

The north elevation first floor main part of the house features an one over one double hung window east of the cross gable and a pair of windows west of the cross gable, all similar to the east elevation first floor windows. There is also a single, square one over one double hung window on the second floor west of the cross gable.

There is a one-story addition at the far west end of the north elevation with a long slender single pane window and a six-over-six double hung window next to the back porch. A back porch with a balustrade is visible on this north elevation.


(north elevation)

The south elevation has a one-story addition attached to the cross gable in the same location as the west bay on the north elevation. The gable trim and windows on the second level are identical to that of the north elevation.

There is also a one-over-one double hung window facing east on the first floor on the main portion of the house and a similar window on the first floor of the cross gable facing east. On the second level of the original house on the west end is a double hung window (six-over-six).

The addition has three double hung one-over-one windows as a unit on the east elevation of the addition. On the south elevation is a single small square pane window. A porch attached to the west end of the addition has five rectangular columns attached to a wood balustrade that wraps around to the north elevation. Within the porch is a doorway and a pair of double hung windows.



(southeast elevation)



(west elevation)

The west elevation porch (continues from the south elevation) with steps leading to the backyard. The west elevation has a small shed (probably the original one car garage) that stores garden tools and wood for the fireplace.


(north and west elevation)

The driveway on the south elevation leads to a multi-car garage. The garage has a steep pitched roof and decorative gable trim on the side gables to correspond to the house. The garage also has two dormers on the east and west elevations with double hung one-over-one windows on each end (north and south elevations).

History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

The property was originally part of the David S. Lewis (died in 1853) and wife Mary Thurston (died in 1880) property. It appears Robert Reid purchased the property in 1884 and the Pontiac Bill Poster (9/24/1884) reports "Robert Reid has new house nearly completed." In 1900 Mr. Reid (1843-1919) improved his house with a new porch.

The Charles Carr family lived in the house in the 1940s and early 1950s. In the 1950s the wrap-around porch which extended across the front (east elevation) to the north with a door into the house beyond the bay window was removed. An old coal bin was converted into a knotty wood den. The back laundry room was converted into a summer kitchen.

The Rossano family (Nicholas and Helen) purchased the home in 1957. An addition was added on the south elevation, as well as two additions to the west elevation. The house was then almost twice the original square footage. Mr. Rossano was an Account Executive for Wallace-Blakesiee, past Director of the West Michigan Tourist Association, past chairman of the Kent County Cancer Society Fund Drive, and former President of Flint Michigan Chamber of Commerce. Helen Rossano was active in the Bob White Real estate firm and the Independence Township Blood Bank Drive.



(date unknown – northeast elevation)

Gary (local dentist) and Denise Symons moved into the home in December 1979. They previously lived in an apartment in the Terrace Building on Main Street. Denise was vice president of the Clarkston Community Historical Society and Gary served two terms on the Clarkston Village Council.



(1989 northeast elevation)



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John and Jan Glass purchased the home in 1991. A porch was later added to the west end of the south addition. The old one car garage behind the house was demolished and a new two car garage added on the south elevation in the 1990s.



(1991 east elevation)

In June 2010 the house was sold to Matthew Misiak.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

The house sits on property of the original Butler Holcomb tract from the federal government in 1831. It passed thru several owners before Robert Reid built a home there. This structure is another example of a Gothic Revival home built in the late-1880s. Overall the house retains its historic architectural details and holds sufficient integrity in at least five aspects to remain as a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District. The several additions can be distinguished from the original despite some conflicting features of the garage.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) 1906 map of Clarkston, *Atlas of Oakland County;*
(2) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991 – 2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
(3) BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM, Michigan History Division, completed December 5, 1975 by Betty Galligan.
(4) Clarkston News 1980 June 18 article "Symons embrace Clarkston's aura" by Marilyn Trumper;
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(12) Old photos from Cara Catallo.